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**Countering
Online
Violent
Extremism
Research**

Australian Values and Participatory Citizenship: Education approaches to CVE

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WHY TERRORISM...

Because they hate us.





“...we are a target because of who we are, rather than what we have done”





"terrorists and would-be terrorists are not targeting us for what we have done or for what we might do, they are targeting us for who we are",



Because they hate us?

- Terrorism and violent extremism are values based-
- Violent extremism as fundamentally a national security issue-
- Violent extremism can only be perpetrated by (and responsibility of) those who are NOT us-
- Countering violent extremism is a futile exercise-



Secularism

- Section 116 of the Constitution :
- the Commonwealth shall not make any law for establishing any religion, or for imposing any religious observance, or for prohibiting the free exercise of any religion, and no religious test shall be required as a qualification for any office or public trust under the Commonwealth.



REACTION

Punitive
Highly engaged to operational
Law enforcement
CT narratives

INTERVENTION

De-radicalisation
Engaged to highly radicalised
Experts, community, government, law enforcement
Targeted counter narratives

PREVENTION

Counter radicalisation
Society
Civil society, government, private sector
Counter narratives

7 types of preventative initiatives:

Challenge
violent extremist
messages

- Providing opportunities such as employment
- Community based approaches
- Family based approaches to help parents talk to children

Reinforce moral
self-sanctions

- Cognitive behavioural- empathy, moral reasoning, anger management
- Peer mediation and Conflict resolution

Develop
awareness

- Knowledge based initiatives to teach critical analysis
- Mentoring to build positive behaviours and attitudes through role modelling

Education

- Pluralism not specific religions
- Governance and the rights and responsibilities of citizenship
- Democracy and opportunities for participation
- Critical thinking
- Human rights and universal values

